

Madison County Weed Board
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The Regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board for October 18th, 2007 was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Betty Sykes. Present at the meeting were Board members, John Armstrong, Chuck Buus, Coordinator, Margie N. Edsall, Office Assistant Janie Alt. Absent were Board members Ted Coffman & Charlie Gilman.

Guest were Mary Armstrong & Chuck Buus son.

John Armstrong made motion to approve the August 15th, meeting minutes as presented. Betty Sykes seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried

Old Business:

Office & Program Activities Final reporting for all State agency's and BLM have been completed. Margie has also finished all final reports for Grants that were due mid October.

Margie gave the Board and the Commissioners a copy of the updated County Weed Management Plan earlier in the year & asked them to review the Plan. Commissioner Dave Schulz pointed out a few minor changes that needed to be made. Margie made the changes and asked the Board if they would like to review it again or to go ahead and submit it like it is. The Board agreed for her to go ahead and submit it as a final. Margie said she would do so after Commissioner Marilyn Ross has had a chance to review it. Marilyn was appointed as Commissioner after Commissioner Lewis Stahl resigned.

Margie ran for a position to sit on the Trust Fund Counsel. She is still waiting to hear if she has been appointed for the position.

Margie attended a Big Hole Watershed meeting and had mentioned that the cost to treat the Big Hole River this year was about \$300 dollars less then the previous year.

September 4th Margie Becky Kington, Executive Secretary of the MWCA and Shawn Jones, J2 Weed Control, floated the Madison River from McAtee Bridge to the Burnt Tree. Margie conveyed how impressed she was with the reduction of Knapweed since the project started 3 years ago. She told the Board that she would work on setting up a float if they were interested in touring the area.

It is possible due to the prevailing wage that the river will be split up into three sections next year for bid. Shawn said he would sit down with Margie and Melissa to discuss some possibilities on how it should be done.

Margie will be resubmitting for the Madison & Norwegian/S. Willow Creek. Funding is still available for the Vigilante Grant, and she is currently in the process of working on a Grant for Tall buttercup in the area of Hwy 41 South from Twin Bridges to Dillon.

\$10,000.00 had to be turned back to the Department of Ag for the Upper Jefferson Grant. This grant will not be resubmitted.

Rosemary Perry, Administrative Assistant and John Aniston, Compliance/Education Coordinator for Gallatin County Weed District contacted Margie to set up appointment with her so she could help them with some ideas for setting up a Grant for the Upper portion of the Madison.

Personnel Update: Janie has been helping out Karen Brown, GIS/IT one day during the week with updating the E911 addressing system and will pick up one other day during the week the beginning of November when she goes back to 3 days a week for the Weed Board until April.

Other Old Business: None

New Business:

Weed Management Plans: One Weed Management Plan was received from the Wallace Family Trust. It was review, approved and signed.

Budget: Margie reported that the BLM line item for tires was in the red but will be able to do a budget amendment to compensate for that line item.

Other New Business: It was discussed at the SW area meeting held on October 10th that Broadwater in conjunction with Gallatin County, would be hosting the Commercial Applicator training again this upcoming season. It was also discussed of possibly setting up a Weed Board/Commissioners Training in two different areas for the SW area. One being on the East side of the divide and one on the West side.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00

Next meeting will be the November 15th @ 1:30 p.m.

Hope to see you all there

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Janie Alt, Office Assistant